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Grade: 6

Reading

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Theme 1

Selection: 1

**"Hatchet"**

Read the selection.

Then answer the following questions.

**1. The purpose of this story is to**

- a) persuade
- b) entertain
- c) inform

**2. In the story Brian begins to feel sorry for himself. What detail supports this statement?**

- a) Brian felt his heart hammer in his throat.
- b) Brian realizes that the hatchet can make sparks.
- c) Brian thinks about fire in his dream.
- d) Brian cries until he is cried out.

**3. Which is a statement of fact?**

- a) The hatchet is more important than the shelter for Brian's survival.
- b) Brian is thirteen years old.
- c) The porcupine is the most dangerous animal in the wild.
- d) Brian was lucky to survive in the crash.

**4. The point of view of this story is**

- a) first person
- b) second person
- c) third person

**5. Why did Brian have such a hard time getting the fire started?**

- a) The materials that he was using were not fine enough for the sparks.
- b) The hatchet was not making enough sparks to start a fire.
- c) Brian was not hitting the hatchet against the rocks in the right away.
- d) The wood was wet and would not burn.

**6. Brian forgets the sparks the hatchet made until**

- a) he is cutting wood to make a spear.
- b) sunlight causes the hatchet to flash gold.
- c) his father comes to him in his dream.
- d) he wakes up and sees the sun.

**7. How do you know that Brian was determined to get the fire started?**

- a) He was afraid of the dark.
- b) He continued trying even after the flame went out.
- c) He felt sorry for himself.
- d) He figured out a way to get the fire started.

**8. Because Brian dreams of a barbecue pit**

- a) he realizes he needs a fire.
- b) he dreams of eating a hamburger.
- c) he thinks about life in the city.
- d) his stomach growls, and he eats his berries.

**9. Why did Brian call fire "a hungry friend?"**

- a) His friend Terry showed Brian a fire blazing in a barbecue pit.
- b) It had to be constantly fed but provided him with comfort.
- c) The fire was something he could talk to.
- d) The fire helped Brian survive.

### Open-ended Response

Brian realized that fire was crucial for him to survive. List **three** items that you need to survive. Select the one item that you think is the most important and explain why.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Author's Purpose	R6.A.1.6.1
2	d	Main Idea/Details	R6.A.1.4.1
3	b	Fact/Opinion	R6.B.3.1.1
4	c	Point of View	R6.B.2.2.1
5	a	Cause/Effect	R6.B.3.3.1
6	c	Noting Details	R6.A.2.4.1
7	c	Drawing Conclusions	R6.A.1.3.1
8	b	Cause/Effect	R6.B.3.3.1
9	b	Cause/Effect	R6.B.3.3.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Response includes three items needed for survival, identifies the most important item, and explains the reasoning for that item being the most important.

2 Points

Response is mostly completed but is **missing one part**. Response may include three items but may not identify the most important item or may include the most important item but not the reason why. Response may include two items and with the most important item being identified and the reason why.

1 Point

Response is only partially completed/**missing more than one part**. Response may include two or three items, but not identify the most important one.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete